

Claims 1-30 have been amended in order to write these claims in the appropriate U.S. claim format.

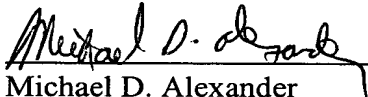
Claims 4-6, 9-13, 20, and 28-29 have also been amended in order to limit the multiple dependencies of these claims.

New claims 31-45 have been added by the foregoing amendments. Support for claims 31-32 occurs, for example, in original claim 4. Support for claims 33-34 occurs, for example, in original claim 5. Support for claims 35-40 occurs, for example, in original claims 6, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, respectively. Support for claims 41-42 occurs, for example, in original claim 28. Support for claims 43-45 occurs, for example, on page 1, lines 13-15 of the specification wherein it is stated that the compounds of formula I would be useful in the treatment of cardiovascular diseases.

Claims 1-45 remain in the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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